



Spc. Robert Adams

Michael Rodgers, of the Ojibway Tribe, performs a traditional tribal dance during a presentation in celebration of Native American Heritage Month at Cottrell Nov. 17.

Stewart celebrates Native American Heritage Month

Spc. Robert Adams
50th PAD

A presentation of music, dancing and story telling were part of the Fort Stewart festivities in celebration of Native American Heritage Month Nov. 17 on Cottrell Field.

The month of November is a celebration that commemorates all Native Americans who have contributed to American culture, and the theme for 2004 is "Working to Preserve Cultural Heritage and Tribal Resources."

"Native Americans have a rich heritage that has contributed throughout our history, in both civilian and military roots," said Col. Robert D. Grymes, Fires Brigade commander.

The presentation included guest speaker Paul Eddy, director of "Voices in the Wind," who shared stories and legends passed down from his ancestors to an audience of Soldiers and family members. "We share with you our culture in the way that we dance and the stories that we tell," Eddy said.

After Eddy's stories, members of the Iron Mountain Native Dancers, which represent Dakota, Mohawk, Cree, Ojibway, Sioux, Comanche and United tribes presented different styles of dances which included the eagle, hoop, jingle dress, traditional and fancy war dance.

Earlier in the day, children from local schools visited Fort Stewart to view the primitive encampments set up on Cottrell Field. The different camps, which covered pre-contact shelters all the way through the 1900s, included a pre-contact diamond shelter with 20 to 30 thousand year old artifacts, a hunter trapper lean-to, a pyramid tent, a teepee and a voyager's camp.

"When I set up my camps, its not just a place where people can come and see the ancient artifacts, it's a place where people come and rekindle memories of their ancestry," said Emory J. Perkins whose Indian name is "Gray Squirrel."

Soldiers also got the chance to look at the encampments, tools and weapons and traded stories with the American Indian presenters.

"Soldiers like to look at my black-powder guns and my tools of survival, like my tomahawks, bow and arrows, blowgun and

lances," Perkins said. "We share stories and observations and if they can walk away with a smile on their face and a little more knowledge and understanding about cultures that are slowly fading into the past then maybe I have done something to help."

The term Native American is used to describe 504 recognized tribes including 197 Alaskan native tribes. About 100 of these tribes have become extinct since the Europeans landed on American soil. Currently, there are roughly 300 reservations in the United States,

"Native Americans have long served our country with honor and distinction in support of the United States Armed Forces," Grymes said. "The Native Americans provided the first examples of a unique warrior culture that has today developed into our own warrior ethos."

Currently, there are 210 Native Americans serving with the 3rd Infantry Division, which will be heading back to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom 3. During the division's first deployment to Iraq, two Native American 3rd Inf. Div. Soldiers lost their lives in combat.

For more than 200 years, American Indians have participated in United States military action and have made contributions in combat.

More than 12,000 American Indians volunteered for service during World War I, even though they were not yet considered citizens by their own government, which they were granted in 1924.

In World War II, more than 44,000 American Indians out of a total population of 350,000 served in both the European and Pacific theaters of war. The Navajo code talkers played a vital role in communication in the Pacific theater and one of the five Marines that planted the American flag on Hiroshima was an American Indian. Around 15,000 participated in the Korean War and more than 42,000 fought during the Vietnam Era. In addition, Native Americans have also seen duty in Grenada, Panama, Somalia, and the Persian Gulf.

Grymes said, "Today we celebrate not only the diversity of our nation but our commitment to respect and preservation of the Native American traditions and cultures that are a part of our great country."

Harvey sworn in as new secretary of Army

DoD press release
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Dr. Francis J. Harvey was sworn in Friday at the Pentagon as the 19th Secretary of the Army.

"This is a great honor for me," Harvey said. "My top priority will be to serve our Soldiers, civilian employees and family members of the active component, Army Reserve and Army National Guard. I look forward to working with the secretary of Defense, the Army chief of staff, Gen. Pete Schoomaker; and the Army senior leadership as we fight the Global War on Terrorism while continuing to transform the force."

The Senate confirmed President Bush's nomination of Dr. Harvey Nov. 16.

"It's great to have Dr.

Harvey on board as our Secretary," said Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, the Army chief of staff. "Dr. Harvey has a wealth of experience leading large organizations with diverse work forces, managing major programs and leading technology development. His education and industry experience will serve us well as he leads our Army in this window of strategic opportunity."

As secretary of the Army, Harvey has statutory responsibility for all matters relating to Army manpower, personnel, reserve affairs, installations, environmental issues, weapons systems and equipment acquisition, communications, and financial management. Secretary Harvey

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New community opens on Stewart

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack
50th PAD

A ribbon cutting and key presentation ceremony was held Nov. 17 for residents to celebrate a major accomplishment at Fort Stewart: brand new houses to call home in the new community of Liberty Woods.

Thirteen families began moving into new homes Monday.

Spc. Darren Moore, A Co., 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, and his family is one of the first families to move in. They moved into the Liberty Woods' community from Hallwood Homes.

It is like comparing apple to oranges, said Moore. They really outdid themselves with the new homes.

Moore added, "It is nice. I will enjoy living here."

Liberty Woods is a 678 junior enlisted community with 200 three bedroom and 478 four bedroom town homes.

Thirty new homes will be



Pat Donahue

Soldiers and their families cut the ribbon at a ribbon cutting ceremony Nov. 17 at Fort Stewart's newest community Liberty Woods.

turned over to residents each month starting in December. The three and four bedroom homes will be equipped with vinyl floors, carpet, kitchen disposals, dishwashers, dal sinks, microwaves, refrigerators, oak cavinets, storage

space and ceiling fans.

Each house has a garage. The community will also have 13 playgrounds.

The Liberty woods project start-

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SAT

High 71° Low 52°

SUN

High 75° Low 59°

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Non-lethal training gives troops options



Photos by Spc. Ben Brody

NCOs who have completed a two week non-lethal weapons and riot-control course, attack junior Soldiers they have just trained as a culmination exercise Nov. 10.

NCOs to train Soldiers upon graduation

Spc. Ben Brody
2nd Bde.

Soldiers from 3rd Infantry Division as well as Reserve and National Guard troops took part in a two week course in non-lethal weapons and crowd-control tactics at Fort Stewart this month.

The course was primarily taught by Tim Minarik, a former Marine, and Marine Sgt. Brandon Cox. It is the only non-lethal weapons course authorized by the Department of Defense, and is intended to train squad and platoon-level noncommissioned officers in all services to instruct their troops in the methods.

"The course centers on these non-lethal weapons kits that DoD is fielding, which have very specific uses and have to be employed properly to be effective," Minarik said. "The kit comes in two conexes and is usually given to a deployed platoon in theater. The kits have tons of stuff — riot shields, face shields, batons, or pepper spray and non-lethal munitions for a 12-gauge shotgun or a 40mm grenade launcher. They also have full body armor for training with."

The actual munitions include: a fin-stabilized rubber slug shotgun round, a shotgun round that fires pea-

sized rubber pellets, a "sponge grenade" for the 40mm launcher that knocks adversaries down, a hand grenade that sends rubber pellets flying and a CS gas hand grenade.

"These munitions give troops another option in a confrontation," Minarik said. "If you can quell a potentially dangerous situation without killing anyone, that's a success as far as winning hearts and minds is concerned."

After two weeks of weapons familiarization, pain-compliance techniques and classroom training, the course culminated in an exercise where the students trained a large group of young Soldiers in riot control tactics. The NCOs then attacked the junior Soldiers with tennis balls, taunts and shoving to see how they reacted.

The exercise took place at the National Guard Armory in Hinesville Nov. 10.

Clad in full riot gear and carrying large plexiglass shields, the new students endured barrages of tennis balls and reacted to different tactics protesters are known to use, such as throwing objects, then sitting down. The students practiced arresting those who crashed through the barricades and subdued struggling detainees

with great zeal.

"This is one of the best courses I've attended in my 17 years in the Army, even though it was taught by two Marines," laughed Master Sgt. Sean Moslet of Fort Benning's 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment. "The Army needs to put money into this. You use lethal force in a situation where it could be avoided, and you turn a family or a village against us. Every squad leader in the infantry should have a baton."

National Guard and Reserve Soldiers were pleased with the course as well.

"Non-lethal weapons are particularly well suited to the domestic mission, like controlling looters and guarding shops during hurricanes," said Sgt. 1st Class Darci Roddy, a Reserve Soldier from Fort Bragg, N.C.

"The Soldiers have been great, very creative and receptive to the training," said Command Sgt. Maj. Ray Harding, of the Missouri National Guard's 140th Regiment, an assistant instructor in the course.

"Most people come to the course very skeptical," Minarik said. "But, I find when they graduate, almost all of them are convinced this is important training, and can't wait to get their Soldiers proficient."



Soldiers make a ruckus behind the Hinesville National Guard Armory.



Command Sgt. Maj. Ray Harding holds two variants of 40mm non-lethal munitions. On the left is the 40mm "sponge grenade" projectile.



Sgt. Jason Letterman, A Co. 2/7 Inf., instructs his Soldiers on riot control tactics.

Soldiers targeted by misleading sales practices

Pfc. Ricardo Branch

Associate Editor

Fort Stewart Soldiers testified during a hearing to determine if Associates Financial Group, which sells insurance for Amicable American, was allegedly practicing misleading sales procedures.

The Nov. 17 hearing was ordered by Georgia Insurance Commissioner John W. Oxendine after his office conducted an investigation.

“They said we could invest our money, and at no time was life insurance mentioned,” said Sgt. Kelly Revis, 92nd Engineer Battalion. “It was just investing our money in stocks, bonds and money markets; things like that.”

Several soldiers that testified said they were induced by high-pressure sales tactics. In some cases they said, the company gave the impression that it was operating with the endorsement of a unit's chain of command so they would sign papers they did not fully get a chance to read.

Lt. Col. Bill Putnam, Staff Judge Advocate, said his office will be watching the inquiry closely and plans to follow the commissioner's investigation with one of their own.

“Many companies selling insurance policies on Stewart create relationships

with high ranking Soldiers to build a sense of trust, which can confuse young Soldiers when a company sells its policy,” Putnam said.

“That's what concerns me the most,” he added.

Putnam said the Army trains Soldiers to obey their officers and NCOs. Soldiers confronted by a company selling something with chain-of-command approval and allegations of misleading sales practices are a high concern for Stewart.

“I was new, at the reception center where you in-process to Fort Stewart when I was approached by someone asking if I wanted to go to a free pizza party,” said Spc. Karina Diaz, 92nd Eng. Bn.

According to several Soldiers' testimony, the individual hosting the “party” sits a person down individually with offers of making money through a “savings plan” or an “investment” with a set amount of investment and rate of return, misleading the listener into believing he's getting something else other than an insurance policy.

“I feel deceived and misled,” said Spc. Michael Harvey, 92nd Eng. Bn. “I didn't know I was getting insurance and was never shown credentials to sell insurance. I was under the impression I was getting into an investment.”

“I was later on deploying to Iraq when I met with my unit's financial advisor,” he said. “My financial advisor told me about a person selling insurance under a ‘false pretense,’ which made me bring in the papers I received, and I realized that I had been deceived.”

Harvey continued, “I wouldn't have bought another insurance policy, I already have the SGLI (Servicemembers Group Life Insurance) from the Army. All Soldiers are offered a life insurance policy when they enlist into the military.

“Why would I need another life insurance policy?” he added.

According to the Georgia Insurance Commission, Associates Financial Group, which sells insurance in Columbus, Ga., did not have a chance to fully defend itself against charges from the Fort Benning area at the hearing. The trial will reconvene at a later date in a session to be held outside Fort Benning.

After multiple accounts in the media about misleading sales practices by insurance companies, Oxendine started an investigation that prompted this hearing.

“We first heard two to three months ago that alleged misleading sales acts involving Soldiers were going on in Georgia,” Oxendine said. “I ordered my staff to investigate immediately and found evidence of

possible wrong doing here in Fort Stewart.”

He said he ordered the hearing because he believed there is a problem.

“My job as insurance commissioner is to protect the people of Georgia and Soldiers are included in that job,” Oxendine said.

According to a New York Times article from July 21, American Amicable Life Insurance has been involved in allegations of misleading sales practices by more than a dozen agents throughout the years from as early as the late 90s.

In the same article, Lanny Peavy, president of American Amicable Life Insurance, met with congressman Chet Edwards and two senior Army officials in March 2000 to avoid the action of his company being placed on a banned list from selling on Army posts. The action was never followed through.

Two years later, agents were getting banned from Fort Benning for improper sales pitches to recruits to buy insurance and last fall agents from an affiliated company were found to have misled hundreds of Marines in a similar way at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Misleading sales practices have plagued military officials for quite some time; however, when a solution is found, it may ultimately depend upon when an agreement can be made on who is at fault.

Stewart, Hunter Army Airfield Joint Land Use Study

EDAW press release

Special to the frontline

The purpose of the Joint Land Use Study is to examine the land use patterns and growth trends of communities surrounding military installations and to develop strategies that increase compatibility between military operations and local development.

Aerial photographs of an Army installation illustrate how unmanaged residential growth can rapidly approach a post boundary, reducing the amount of “elbow room” necessary to sustain safe military operations. As a result, residents may literally find themselves living next door to active training areas.

To understand similar land use compatibility questions around Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, local governments and the Army have partnered in a six-month planning process, which kicked off in August.

The JLUS team is in a critical phase of mapping land use activities on both sides of the military installation boundary. The findings of the study thus far focus on those places where likely military impacts cross the post or airfield boundaries to affect adjacent communities.

Noise zones, clear zones and accident potential zones model the expected geographical influence of military operations. For example, within noise zone II average sound levels from activi-

ties on the post or airfield are high enough to conflict with noise sensitive uses, such as houses, schools, churches and hospitals. Clear zones and accident potential zones show areas close to airfield runways that are more prone to an aircraft accident during take-off or landing, though the statistical risk of an accident remains very low.

These air safety zones raise compatibility issues with land uses that concentrate people or structures that are tall enough to penetrate airspace.

The noise environment of Fort Stewart can affect portions of unincorporated Bryan County and the city of Pembroke to the north; and the city of Hinesville and unincorporated Liberty

County south of the post.

Similarly, noise exposure from aircraft using Hunter Army Airfield stretches to the east over the city of Savannah and west over portions of unincorporated Chatham County.

Air safety zones also cross to the east over developed commercial and residential uses and to the west over developing areas.

There are areas of compatibility concern at which local governments and the Army will look more closely in the study. This highlights the importance of understanding growth trends in communities in light of potential noise, vibration, air safety and other operational impacts of the military installations.

The JLUS team will be hosting

the second round of public meetings to explain the importance of maintaining compatibility with military operations and to discuss these areas of concern with residents.

Public information meetings will be held as follows:

•Monday, November 29, 7:00 to 9:00 PM at Hinesville City Hall, 115 E ML King Jr Drive, Hinesville

•Tuesday, November 30, 7:00 to 9:00 PM at Pembroke City Hall/Community Center, 160

•North Main Street, Pembroke

•Wednesday, December 1, 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Chatham County-Savannah

•Metropolitan Planning Commission, 110 East State Street, Savannah.

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

I'm grateful from the bottom of my stomach

Spec. Emily J. Wilsoncroft
Staff Writer

On Monday morning, I walked around Hunter Army Airfield and asked several random people, in honor of Thanksgiving, to tell me what they were thankful for this year.

As you can see by shifting your eyes a bit to the right, the majority of the people who didn't run away from me said what they were most thankful for was their family.

After mulling this over for a bit, I decided I agreed with them — after all, the influence of my family (heretofore meaning immediate and extended) played an unalterable role in the way I have ultimately turned out.

Although my family is by no means larger in numbers than most, when we're together, we have always managed to be louder and eat more than any other assembled group of people in our vicinity.

I don't know why this is, but I think the talent is hereditary, based on a conversation I had with my cousin over dinner a few years back.

"Did you know that it takes the brain 20 minutes to tell the body that it's full?" she asked me as we shoveled ravioli into our mouths.

Before I could respond, she added,

"So that means you better eat as much as you can in 20 minutes."

So, now that you know who to blame when my weight doesn't fall within Army standards, I'd like to express my thankfulness to the crazy, wonderful bunch of people who raised me and share one Thanksgiving memory that will stay with me forever, no matter how hard I try to get rid of it.

When I was about 10 years old, my father, jokester that he is, bet me a dollar that I couldn't eat an entire turkey leg at the upcoming Thanksgiving dinner.

Many young girls in my place probably would have just giggled and dismissed the offer, but coming from the background I just described, I cared less about the money than I did the inference that I possibly couldn't win.

"Ha!" I answered. "Bring me the leg! You're about to lose a buck."

By Thanksgiving Day, everyone in our family knew about the bet, and when The Leg of a good-sized bird came out on a plate just for me (along



with gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, stuffing and green beans), I dug in.

I'll spare you the details, but suffice it to say that when the meal was over, amid cheers from grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, I leaned back, took a deep breath, and handed my empty plate over to be washed. My dad lost a dollar that day, but (unbeknownst to me until about a week later) he had gained a photo of his firstborn and only daughter, face red and teeth bared, gnawing away at a turkey leg bigger than her head.

Of course, I wasn't really embarrassed, because along with the picture came, for me, an enormous sense of accomplishment, but also the knowledge that outside of my own relatives, my feat would go not only unnoticed but definitely unappreciated.

I don't know specifically why most of the people I talked to today were thankful for their families above all else, but I know why I'm thankful for mine.

Because, the truth is, if you can't count on your family to faithfully root for you as you eat more than any child should, then who can you count on?

Marne Voice

THE FRONTLINE

Readers respond to the question:

"What are you thankful for this year?"



"My family."

Sgt. William Admave
416th Trans Co.



"My freedom and my health."

Staff Sgt. Brian Drayton
HHC Avn. Bde.



"My family and that I am in America, not Iraq, for now."

Sgt. Martin Marinov
C Co., 2/3 Avn.



"I am thankful for the support of my family."

Sgt. Michael Mickens
Hq. Co., USAG



"Spending time with my family over the holidays."

Sgt. Charmene Moore
HHC Avn. Bde.



"My family's health."

Spec. Ulises Otero
416th Trans Co.

Lane Down Range

Roll off the couch, we are at war

Spec. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.
1st Bde.

It seems no matter what we do while we are deployed the world will go on. The fighting we will be doing in Iraq is only part of the battle. While deployed we will also have to fight for our own small piece of recognition from the American news media.

It kind of sickens me that on page one you have what Paris Hilton wears to the Academy Awards while back on the next to last page you find a small blurb about how many Soldiers and Marines died that day.

I realize that the basis for airtime is monetary, and if you can't attract viewers you don't sell airtime to the big money sponsors. I guess what we are doing doesn't touch the American public as reality, since it is happening so far away.

During World War II, when the Nazis came rolling through France, their movie stars and celebrities went into hiding. It makes me sick that people are more interested in who Lindsay Lohan is dating than how many of our brave boys avoided being blown up that day. I

some times almost wish that the war was here so these people could realize what our Soldiers and Marines are facing every day.

To many Americans, it is just a flash of information across the news screen in between flipping channels. So many lives are affected by what is going on right now, and the public seems oblivious to it.

I realize that this is not the case with everyone. Many parents and family members sit around biting their nails waiting for news about their loved ones. Many people are behind us. All I can think about is the Jane's Addiction song Pigs in Zen. People have been so desensitized to sex and violence that what is reality for us is just another few seconds of television entertainment to them.

Television turns you into a mindless blob. If people put as much effort into solving the world's problems as they did indulging themselves we would have achieved world peace



many moons ago.

I get frustrated when I am wholeheartedly interested in watching any bit of information I can about the war and one of my buddies comes in and gets peeved because he is missing Fear Factor.

I have to say that when I do watch TV, I at least try to get some type of culture or information out of it to better my life. I withhold a large amount of disdain for shows about fashion or who is dating whom.

I just wish people would get off their alphas and show some concern for what is going on right now. The media is partly to blame. They just give you the juice, and sit back and watch the sierra hit the fan.

They say they are telling the truth. Reporting what is real. Well, there are countless injustices happening around the world that are so shocking to me they make me want to puke. The only problem is that for the media, this is old news. Who cares who is

starving, what country in Africa is having a coup d'etat, or how many young kids overdosed on drugs? What we want to see is who J Lo is dating this week.

I believe that many Americans live in a state that is far from reality. For a couple of months after thousands were murdered in New York, we all stuck together. I was so proud to be an American. That lasted only about as long as the hype allowed it to.

Now the media has moved to vehemently reporting any small mistake we make while living in an environment where we are constantly being attacked. Can you imagine someone's mindset after living in constant chaos like that? The saying "shoot first and ask questions later" becomes a reality. A wrong split second decision can get you killed, while another can turn you into a field day for the media.

Give our guys a break. They are doing the hardest job in the world. They wake up each day and try not to die. Just about every time they do, it is not because they wanted to. Get off your alphas and try to realize what is going on over there.

Correction

The Nov. 18th issue of The Frontline, Chaplain's Corner was published in error. The Army, Fort Stewart chaplains and the Chaplain Corps do not endorse "The Survival Guide for Marriage in the Military." Retired Navy Chaplain (Capt.) Gene Thomas Gomulka and his book is in no way affiliated with Fort Stewart, the Chaplain Corps or the U. S. Army.

Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

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Staff Sgt. Carmen L. Burgess

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld looks on while Raymond DuBois, director of administration and management, swears in Dr. Francis J. Harvey as the 19th secretary of the Army Nov. 19.

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is responsible for the department's annual budget of \$98.5 billion. He leads a work force of over one million active duty, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve Soldiers, 220,000 civilian employees, thousands of contractors, and has stewardship over 15 million acres of land.

Prior to his appointment, Harvey was a business executive with broad experience centered on the defense industry. He held various professional, management and executive positions within the Westinghouse Corporation from 1969 to 1997, including president of the Electronics Systems Group, president of the Government and Environmental Services

Company, and chief operating officer of the \$6 billion Industries and Technology Group.

Most recently, Harvey was a director and vice chairman of Duratek, a company specializing in treating radioactive, hazardous, and other wastes. In his career, he has been involved in one or more phases of more than 20 major Department of Defense programs.

Harvey earned his doctorate in Metallurgy and Material Sciences from the University of Pennsylvania and his Bachelor of Science at the University of Notre Dame in Metallurgy Engineering and Material Science. He was a White House Fellow at the Department of Defense in the late

1970s.

Harvey succeeds Les Brownlee, who served as the acting Secretary of the Army for the past 18 months.

"I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Secretary Les Brownlee for his leadership and stewardship of the Army over the past 18 months," Schoomaker said. "I speak for the entire Army family when I say his tireless efforts — to build a campaign-quality Army with joint and expeditionary capabilities, to equip our Soldiers with the best equipment and to improve their quality of life — will have an impact on the Army and ensure we remain relevant and ready for decades to come."

HOMES

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homes will be demolished.

Building this community will provide a safe and secure environment for families, said Col. John M. Kidd, garrison commander. If you fight for America you should live in the best housing.

"These are some of the finest homes I've seen in the military," said Maj. Gen. William G. Webster, 3rd Infantry Division commander. "We have to make sure our junior Soldiers are taken care of."

"This project is moving faster than any post in the Army," Kidd said. "I want to thank the Soldiers and their families for bearing with us while we built the best community"

"People brag that Stewart is the best place to be assigned because of the people," Webster said. "Now they can brag that it is the best place to be assigned because of the housing."



Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

Pfc. Fred Jeanfrancois, Headquarters and Headquarters Operations Company, Special Troops Battalion, moves into his new home in Liberty Woods.

Motorcycle Safety Tips

- Learn**

More than 90 percent of riders involved in accidents had no formal training.
- Prepare**

Wear appropriate gear for comfort and protection.
- Be seen**

Stand out. Wear bright clothing and use retroreflective material.
- Obey the Law**

Don't speed; know the local traffic laws.

CENTCOM News

31st MEU raid nets six in Al Haqlaniyah

AL ANBAR, Iraq — Elements of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit conducted a raid that captured six suspected insurgents and a weapons cache in the city of Al Haqlaniyah the morning of Sunday.

One of the six detainees is believed to be a high-ranking cell leader of anti-Iraqi forces operating in and around the Al Anbar province. The raid also seized a heavy machine gun, various small arms, a rocket propelled grenade launcher, grenades and an explosives device.

The Marines and Sailors of the 31st MEU continue to pressure insurgents who are operating throughout Al Anbar Province.

Elements of the 31st MEU interdicted three individuals attempting to lay mines near the side of a road frequently used by Multi-National Forces near the town of Hit Nov. 17. Marines engaged the targets, fatally wounding two and disabling their vehicle.

The 31st MEU is committed to enhancing security and stabilization in Al Anbar province in order to establish a safer environment for the Iraqi people during the upcoming elections.

Civil military operations center in Fallujah

FALLUJAH — Multi-National Forces established a Civil Military Operations Center in Fallujah Sunday in order to assist the military provincial governor of Fallujah with providing support to humanitarian relief activities, municipal government administration and the contracting of Iraqi companies to begin reconstruction projects.

The center staff will manage immediate impact projects that

provide relief assistance in the near term while planning for projects that coordinate critical repairs and reconstruction. Funding for such projects will also provide jobs and economic support in the Fallujah area.

The CMOC is staffed with reserve military personnel that possess job specialties in humanitarian assistance, municipal government, judicial court systems, reconstruction, medical support and engineering.

The CMOC currently has multiple Civil Affairs teams conducting assessments throughout the city. The CA teams are removing safety hazards such as rubble and standing sewage water. They are marking unsafe buildings, identifying essential service repairs and preparing to stage humanitarian assistance supplies in the city. The Provincial Military Governor of Fallujah receives a daily assessment brief with project priority recommendations.

A critical piece to future relief efforts will be support from various non-governmental organizations assisting with donations. NGOs seeking to assist humanitarian efforts with supplies are being directed to a central distribution site. Supplies will be further distributed throughout the city once it is determined to be safe for citizens to re-enter. It is the intent of all involved to include Iraqi companies in the distribution of stored humanitarian assistance supplies as a means to start reemploying military aged men. CMOC representatives will actively seek contracting bids from established trucking companies based in and around Fallujah.

Currently the Iraqi Government, in coordination with Civil Affairs teams embedded throughout the city, are providing humanitarian services and supplies to citizens remaining in the city. Military ground commanders are allowing citizens to leave their homes during a four-



Marine Corps Photo by: LCpl Ryan L. Jones

Iraqi Special Security Forces and Marines of the 3rd Battalion 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division remove weapons and ammunition from crypts in a graveyard in Fallujah, Iraq during a sweep in Operation Al Fajr. Operation Al Fajr is an offensive operation to eliminate enemy forces from the city of Fallujah in support of continuing security and stabilization operations in the Al Anbar province of Iraq by units of the Iraqi Special Forces and the 1st Marine Division.

hour period in the middle of the day to seek assistance. However, civil affairs officers are not seeing a high demand at this time.

There are no indications of a humanitarian crisis or shortage of relief supplies. The government and the coalition expect and are prepared for a much greater demand for humanitarian aid as residents start returning to the city.

Iraqi National Guard, MNF clean up unexploded munitions, teach children of dangers

TIKRIT, Iraq — B Company, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Soldiers spent early November cleaning up unexploded munitions north of Tikrit.

Working closely with the 201st Iraqi National Guard Battalion, the Soldiers worked for two weeks

to clean up the area.

More than 1,000 rounds of highly explosive artillery ammunition was hidden in a series of former Iraqi Army positions near northern Tikrit and was destroyed during the operation.

The artillery shells are used by insurgents to make improvised explosive devices. Since late October, there have been more than 20 IED attacks in the Tikrit area.

This ammunition cache was particularly dangerous for a second reason. Local children frequently used the area as play ground.

Seeing the children, the commander of B Co., decided to use the Iraqi National Guard soldiers to teach classes on the dangers of unexploded munitions to the kids.

“We could have just run the kids off,” said Capt. Dave Arnold, B Co. commander. However, “it occurred to me that it made sense to teach them about the dangers

of this stuff.”

The class was well received by local parents, who thanked the Iraqi Soldiers who taught the class. This was the first class of its kind in the Task Force 1-18 area.

Iraqi National Guard, Marines capture 18 insurgents, seize weapons

FORWARD OPERATING BASE KALSU, Iraq — Iraqi National Guardsmen, backed by elements of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, captured 18 insurgents and an assortment of weapons and munitions south of Baghdad, Saturday.

A raid near Haswah netted four men wanted in connection with anti-Iraqi activity and uncovered a stockpile of ordnance, including the following: 100 artillery rounds, three large aircraft bombs, three complete mortar systems, one surface-to-air missile launcher, two shoulder-fired rockets, eight miscellaneous projectiles and five AK-47 rifles

ING operating southeast of Musayyib detained 12 insurgents and seized a variety of weapons and ammunition, including rifles, hand grenades, rocket-propelled grenades, RPG launchers and warheads, detonation cord and a blasting cap.

Marines also captured two anti-Iraqi militants in a raid near Yusufiyah.

Through patience and persistence, Iraqi security forces and their multi-national allies continue to make steady gains in their campaign to restore security and stability to the area.

In the past three weeks, ISF and Marines have rounded up nearly 250 insurgents. Since the joint force began operating together in mid-August, more than 600 criminals, terrorists and other anti-Iraqi elements have been captured.

STAY ALERT, STAY ALIVE

Most soldiers have heard that slogan numerous times during the course of their military service. Failure to obey it and a simple traffic law nearly cost two Fort Stewart Soldiers their lives Nov. 9.

The pictures speak for themselves showing how easily a vehicle can flip over even at speeds lower than 40 mph.

Upon impact with the sedan, the sport utility vehicle flipped over. The driver of the SUV failed to stop at the intersection of Hayes and Lindquist.



POLICE REPORTS

• **Subject:** Specialist, 26-year-old male, Div. Sup. Bde.
• **Charges:** Driving on a suspended license, speeding
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 25-year-old male, 4th Bde.
• **Charges:** Driving on a revoked license, loud music
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 23-year-old male, 1st Bde.
• **Charges:** Fleeing the scene of an accident, failure to show proof of insurance, following too closely, expired tags
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
• **Charge:** Larceny of AAFES property
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 33-year-old male, 4th Bde.
• **Charge:** Driving under the influence of alcohol
• **Location:** Richmond Hill

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, 1st Bde.
• **Charge:** Larceny of AAFES property
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 23-year-old male, 1st Bde.
• **Charge:** Violation of probation
• **Location:** Pembroke

• **Subject:** Family member, 20-year-old female
• **Charge:** Wrongful possession of



marijuana
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 38-year-old male
• **Charge:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, 1st Bde.
• **Charges:** Drinking underage, disorderly conduct
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, 4th Bde.
• **Charge:** Assault consummated by a battery
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 29-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
• **Charge:** False reporting of a crime

• **Location:** Hinesville
• **Subject:** Private, 24-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
• **Charges:** Possession of controlled substance, possession of drug related object, operating a vehicle without brake light
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private, 25-year-old male, separate unit.
• **Charge:** Criminal damage to private property
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private, 23-year-old male, 4th Bde.
• **Charges:** Drunken driving, assault with a vehicle
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 23-year-old male, 1st Bde.
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, passing in a no pass-

ing zone
• **Location:** Fort Stewart
• **Subject:** Sergeant 1st Class, 57-year-old male, separate unit
• **Charge:** Wrongful use of cocaine
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
• **Charges:** Simple assault, communicating a threat, drinking underage, disrespect to an NCO
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 28-year-old male, 1st Bde.
• **Charge:** Assault consummated by a battery
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
• **Charge:** Wrongful use of marijuana

• **Location:** Ludowici

• **Subject:** Private, 24-year-old male, 4th Bde.
• **Charges:** Wrongful possession of drug paraphernalia, wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of marijuana
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 26-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
• **Charge:** Wrongful use of marijuana
• **Location:** Canton, Ohio

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male, 1st Bde.
• **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 24-year-old male, 4th Bde.
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence, no drivers license, weaving on roadway
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 27-year-old female, 1st Bde.
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding 41/20
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old female, separate unit
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding, no seat belt
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 25-year-old male, 1st Bde.
• **Charge:** Fighting in public
• **Location:** Savannah

Marne TV

November 2004 Schedule

Marne TV can be found on Comcast Cable Channel 16 every weekday.
Tune in to the Marne Report six times a day for the latest from Stewart and Hunter.

5 a.m. Army Newswatch
5:30 a.m. MARNE REPORT
6:30 a.m. Air Force News
7 a.m. Navy News
7:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
8 a.m. MARNE REPORT
9 a.m. Air Force News
9:30 a.m. Navy News
11:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
Noon MARNE REPORT

1 p.m. Air Force News
4:30 p.m. Navy News
5 p.m. MARNE REPORT
6 p.m. Army Newswatch
6:30 p.m. Air Force News
7 p.m. Navy News
10 p.m. MARNE REPORT
11 p.m. Army Newswatch
Midnight MARNE REPORT

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Stewart

Marne Chapel
Installation Chaplain's Office (Marne Chapel) has free Chanukah Menorahs for Jewish personnel in the Fort Stewart and Hunter Airfield area.
If you are interested in receiving one, please stop by Marne Chapel or contact us at 767-8801.

Special Olympic Games
Volunteers are needed for the 2004 Winter games at Marne and Stewart Lanes, Dec. 3. Any assistance is welcomed.

Toys for Tots
The event kicks off Monday at the PX. Every child deserves a Christmas and your contributions are most needed. For more information call 767-2407.

Home improvement class
Open to all, Dec. 7, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Leisure Activities Center, Bldg. 443. Intruction will be provided by Lowe's. For more information call 767-8609.

Tree Lighting Ceremony
The tree lighting ceremony and arrival of Santa Claus is scheduled for Dec. 9, 5 p.m. on the front lawn of Bldg. 1.

Ribbon cutting ceremony
The Dental Clinic #4 has scheduled their grand re-opening for Dec. 7, 10 a.m. The clinic has undergone a multi-million dollar renovation and will be tentatively open for business Dec. 13. and will provide Specialty Dental Care for Ft. Stewart and Hunter.

Wild Adventurers
Buses depart Bldg. 443 Dec.18, 8 a.m. for Wild Adventures Theme Park in Valdosta, Ga., and return at 8 p..m. The cost is \$43 per person and includes transportation and admission. For more information call 767-8609.

Hayride lights tour
Participants meet at Bldg. 443, Dec. 20, 6 p.m. for tour of the holiday lights on post and return at 7 p.m. for hot apple cider.

Library
Schedule a 15-minute book reading at the Library to make a DVD for your child while deployed.
For more information call 767-2181.

Hunter

Vehicle Registration
Hunter Army Airfield Vehicle Registration / Police Administration Office will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Christmas Toy Drive
The Hunter Commissary is conducting a Toy Drive now through Dec. 18 to collect toys to be distributed to needy military families based at Hunter. The commissary is asking for new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages 2-12. Contact Marcus McDonald or Linda Harrington at 352-5007/5711 for more information.

Tree Lighting Ceremony
The tree lighting ceremony and arrival of Santa Claus is scheduled for Dec. 8, 5:45 p.m. on the front lawn of the Garrison Headquarters Building (Bldg. 201).

Wild Adventurers
Buses depart Outdoor Recreation Area Dec.18, 8 a.m. for Wild Adventures Theme Park in Valdosta, Ga., and return at 8 p.m. The cost is \$43 per person and includes transportation and admission.
For more information call

767-8609.

Hayride lights tour
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AKO Account
The advantage of using AKO, to communicate with your spouse and loved ones, over the other sites such as Yahoo and MSN, is that AKO is a secure site.
With the current state of upcoming installation deployments, everyone needs to be vigilant in the content of information they send out through emails and IM.
By sponsoring your spouse and loved ones with an AKO account, your communications back and forth will always be kept secure and confidential. A simple step-by-step Power Point presentation can be located on the Ft. Stewart Internet in the New Items section <https://intranet.stewart.army.mil/default2.htm> or <https://intranet.stewart.army.mil/doim/businessdivision/AKOGuestPresentation2004.ppt>

Winn /Tuttle

Holiday observed Friday
Tuttle will be closed and services at Winn will be limited Nov. 26 in observance of the division training holiday. The Winn main pharmacy will be open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Holiday Schedule
Tuttle will be closed Dec. 23, 24 and 31. Services at Winn will be limited Dec. 23, 24 and 31. The Winn main pharmacy will be open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 23.

Volunteer Orientation Dec. 2
Volunteers are always welcome and needed to help in general administrative and clinical areas.
The next orientation will be held 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 2 in the Hospital Conference Room. For more information call the Fort Stewart Red Cross Office at 767-2197 or Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903 or send an email to Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil.

Update DEERS
Beneficiaries must keep their DEERS information up-to-date or they may not be able to receive referrals, schedule

appointments or access TRICARE Online. Winn and Tuttle use DEERS information to contact you regarding referrals and appointments. DEERS information can be updated by calling 1-800-538-9552, visiting: www.tricare.osd.mil/deers/default.cfm or stopping by Building 253.

TRICARE Phone Numbers
For general health care information, you can call the Humana Military Audio Library at 1-877-217-7946. If you have questions about TRICARE, you can call TRICARE at 1-800-444-5445 or the Health Benefits Office at 370-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

EDIS
Military families with children up to 3 years old who may be at risk for developmental delays can call EDIS for a free screening.
Services include home visits, occupational therapy, special instruction, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, vision and hearing screenings, family training, developmental screenings and assessments. For more information, call 370-6370.

Artillery, infantry pave way for civil affairs

Pvt. Dan Balda

4th Bde.

FORT POLK, La. — Soldiers assigned to the 1st Battalion, 76th Field Artillery Regiment, trained on tasks they were not accustomed to, at the Joint Readiness Training Center, at Fort Polk, La. Nov 10.

Instead of a normal field artillery mission involving massive amounts of fire-power, the unit practiced infantry-type movement to help secure a city in hopes of setting up a civil military operations center, said Capt. Bill Putnam, 1/76 FA fire direction officer.

“We’re calling this an ‘infantillery’ operation because we’ve primarily practiced a lot of infantry tasks,” Putnam said. “But my heart and soul is still with the artillery.”

After they secured the outer cordon of the city, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry, cleared the heart of the city of insurgents.

“This situation is to prepare us for a Fallujah-type mission,” Putnam said. “The civil leadership needed help to root out the insurgents but they did not have the means. We needed to make sure it would be safe for the townspeople to get the help they sorely needed.”

Once the coast was clear, a convoy carrying civil affairs personnel moved into the town to set up a civil military operations center.

“Our job is to do our best to make restitution for damage that happens to personal property during military operations,” said Maj. Gottfried Koblitz, civil affairs team B commander, 437th Civil Affairs Battalion, a National Guard unit from Green Bay, Wis.

“One of the reasons we want to establish CMOCs in Iraq is because we need



Pvt. Dan Balda

The mayor of Sadiq speaks with the operator of the Civil Military Operations Center about funds needed to repair his town after insurgents were pushed out of the city by troops, at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., Nov. 10

the people to understand that we are trying to take care of the basics, such as water and medical supplies, Putnam said. “We try to serve their wants rather than their needs.”

“Eventually the citizens can take over control of the necessities of their cities,” Putnam said. “We do this in hopes that it will lay the foundation for a free and democratic government.”

The CMOC works with International Organizations and Non-Governmental

Organizations to identify and meet the needs of the people by pointing them in the right direction.

“We have a very broad mission because of an ever changing battlefield,” Koblitz said. “We have to constantly adapt to the different situations we are faced with.”

Col. Vincent Foulk, an observer/controller assigned to the 308th Civil Affairs Battalion, a National Guard unit from Chicago, has already worked with the

Coalition Provisional Government during a previous deployment to Iraq.

“Once we turn over the CMOCs to the Iraqi government they will be able to solve problems between the troops at the forward operating bases and the locals,” he said.

Throughout the training and subsequent mission, one idea stuck with Putnam, “it comes down to winning their hearts and minds so that they will feel comfortable governing themselves.”